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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Charles J. Winslow, et al

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

Sir:

In response to the Notice of File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted, dated November 24. 1997, Applicant(s) encloses herewith a properly executed original Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63. Please charge the required fee of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) along with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

In the event any extensions of time are required, please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge Deposit Account No. 21-0550. TWO (2) COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 12/5/97

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